

RUEF GETS 14 YEARS IN PRISON

OF LABOR LEADERS

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 20.—A petition was today sent by the representatives of twenty thousand unauthorized workmen in this vicinity to President Roosevelt, asking him to pardon Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, who were last week sentenced to prison by the supreme court of the District of Columbia for contempt.

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THE PROGRESSIVE STORE

Great After Xmas Suit Sale

Look At the Detailed List

EVERY PRICE EXACTLY AS STATED



Don't think from this that there are just a few good values in the lot, but look at the tabulated list below, which shows the remarkable scope of this event.

Included in this lot are many beautiful and original designs of the best New York tailors, and many copies of imported models; beautiful broadcloth suits, richly lined with the best silks and satins; not an undesirable style in the lot, but the very cream of the season. A suit sale that has not been approached, or will be approached this year; better than any half price sale you ever saw.

\$14.65 for \$20 Suits
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Read the above list carefully; it's a plain statement of facts without the slightest exaggeration. These garments are marked and selling now at the prices we've quoted. It's a chance to spend your Christmas money to the best possible advantage. All suits and coats reduced proportionately.

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\$1.00 American Broadcloths **\$1.75** Chiffon Broadcloths
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54 inches wide, all pure wool, only a few shades, such as cardinal, reseda, Copenhagen, mode, and a swell black; a bargain at a yard **89c**

\$1.25 Directoire Broadcloths **\$1.58**
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Half wool knit skirts in red, blue and black; they are warm and serviceable. Priced special at, each **\$1.50**
Flannel night dresses, cream with pink and blue stripes; cut full, an exceptional quality and well made. Our regular \$1.65 garment priced specially **\$1.19**
Heavy outing flannel night dresses and skirts; specially priced for today's selling; blue and pink stripes and white; all cut full with wide hem; regular \$1.25 quality **98c**
Heavy outing flannel night dresses; white embroidered in pink and blue; cut full and extra long. Our regular \$2.50 quality **\$1.98**

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Infants' crocheted saques in white and white with colored border. Special **25c**
Infants' dresses specially priced; regular value 50c. Special **39c**
Children's crocheted skirts, all sizes; regular \$1.25 values, white with colored borders; also blue, pink, gray and tan. Special **98c**

Women's Underwear Correctly Priced

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Women's white and gray wool pants in broken lines; all sizes; values \$1.50 and \$2.00; a rare opportunity to buy all wool garments at a price so low; while they last, each **97c**
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These sweaters are shown in cardinal, white, blue, cardinal with gray trimming, blue with cardinal, and gray with cardinal; all pretty, fancy weaves; also plain Jersey, strictly all wool. These are offered in a variety of styles, each of exceptional value, at **\$3.50, \$3.75 and \$5.00**
Also an elegant line of wool waists shown at popular prices; the kind that will keep you warm and wear well; all wanted colors and materials, moderately priced, for our after-Christmas sale.

MANY Y. M. C. A. COLLEGIANS MEET AT PACIFIC GROVE

PACIFIC GROVE, Cal., Dec. 29.—Student delegates from principal universities and colleges of the Pacific coast met here this morning in their thirteenth annual inter-university Y. M. C. A. convention. State Student Secretary H. F. Henderson of Los Angeles, has charge of the preliminary arrangements, and a long list of distinguished speakers are scheduled to take part in this year's convention. New York City furnished E. C. Carter, official secretary of the international committee, and E. C. Mercer, various sessions for special studies were begun at 8:15 a. m. These were followed by an association conference, and a platform address by Dr. W. B. Day of Los Angeles.

CLUBMAN SUICIDES.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Davis F. Maloney, a wealthy business man and prominent in club life, killed himself today. Maloney's suburban home was destroyed by fire last Sunday and the fire is said to have been of incendiary origin. While viewing the ruins of the place Mr. Maloney was arrested on complaint of his father-in-law, P. E. Nelson, a real estate dealer. He was to have been tried January 6th.

SHE MARRIED CHINAMAN.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 29.—Miss Ollie Patton, grand daughter of the late W. S. Patton, a Confederate general and post grand master of Mississippi Masons, it developed today, married a Chinaman here last Sunday. The marriage violates the state law forbidding inter-marriage between whites and persons of negro or Mongolian blood. Miss Patton is young and beautiful and an orphan.

Spiced Pigs Feet.

Russian Cheever, Holland Herring, Frankforter and S. Kraut, imported Pilsener beer at the NEW PALM GARDEN, Opposite the Barton.

3000 pounds of American Black Coal

in stock at two cents a unit, and \$7.00 per cord. Main 259, Fresno Fuel company.

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With children when Smith Bros. Chilled Ointment will cure?

SOIL OF U. S. A. NOT FALLING OFF

Agricultural Lands Must Double Yield.

Highest Production Found in the Older Eastern States.

The most interesting point made public through the report of the work conducted during the summer and fall by the section of lands of the national conservation commission, of which Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota is chairman, is that the inventory of natural resources has demonstrated that the soil of the United States as a whole is not falling off, but rather is actually gaining, at least holding its own. The report declares, however, that our agricultural lands will soon be required to produce at least twice as much as they do at present in order to meet the needs of the future. Such an increase in crop production is possible with proper methods.

There are in the United States proper, according to the report, a trifle less than 2,000,000,000 acres of land surface, of which a little more than one-fifth is under cultivation. About a quarter is covered with forests, and a smaller proportion with woods, young growth and cut-over land. With the exception of a few states, the actively small amount of mineral lands, all the rest is grazing land.

Some of the most significant facts brought out were the following: The soils of the United States, as measured by the yield of crops, are not losing their fertility. Taking the country as a whole, nine out of ten counties are either holding their own in this respect or are gaining in fertility. This matter, one of the first in importance, has been thoroughly studied from more than one point of view, and the above statement is made with confidence.

Those parts of the country which are losing in fertility are mainly in the newer settled regions where the farmers are drawing from the original fertility of the soil and are not replacing it with fertilizers or practicing the method of rotation of crops. These areas are particularly large in the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma, i. e., the western states of the cotton belt, and in them are found 44 per cent of all such lands in the country.

The present yield of crops is in some part due to careless farming, but more generally to the fact that land is cheap relative to farm labor. The highest yields per acre are found in the older northeastern states where the land is relatively high in value, and in the arid regions of the West, where water, the essential, is scarce.

The soils are not, however, producing half of what they should produce or what they will give if properly cared for. We produce at the present time only one-third of what we are capable of producing. The acreage of cultivated land is increasing much more slowly than the population and can never be more than a small fraction of the land available. By the end of the present century we shall probably have three times as many people to feed as now. The amount of our farm crops is also increasing much more slowly than our population. An increase in yield per acre is therefore imperative. In that matter we are far behind Western Europe, and as our soils are at least equally rich it becomes a matter of care in the selection of seed, of fertilizers and cultivation.

PUBLIC LANDS.

There are in the Continental United States 360,875,787 acres of unappropriated and unreserved lands and almost an equal amount in Alaska. In the year ending June 30, 1920, there were 29,636 entries, covering 4,242,710.53 acres, a number which has been exceeded in only two years. It is evident, therefore, that there is no present need to increase the size of holding grants, each holding grant of land has been recently urged, since the desire to secure a homestead of 160 acres is still strong enough to increase rather than to diminish the average number of entries per year.

The public land laws as they exist today, do not furnish the necessary protection to the people's interests in the public lands. Changes are necessary not only because the present laws are not suited to existing conditions, but also partly because these laws, as originally drawn, contemplated conditions and needs which have been greatly modified, both by changed conditions of the country and by various sections of the land department and of the courts.

The nation should hold in its own possession, and maintain in efficient condition, those areas which are less valuable for agricultural use or homestead grants, and conserving and utilizing them for the benefit of the nation and the world.

LOSSES TO LIVESTOCK AND CROPS.

An important factor in reducing the yield of the land is the loss of crops and animals and insects, especially the latter. It is estimated that the losses to livestock, grain, etc., due to injurious mammals exceed 100 million dollars annually, most of which is caused by wolves and coyotes. The damage by birds is comparatively slight, and is far out-weighted by their beneficial work in destroying noxious insects. It is estimated by the bureau of entomology that such insects inflicting damage in the crop year 1920, amounted to not less than \$50 million dollars upon growing crops, orchards, grain in storage, etc. Most of these losses are preventable.

RECOLONIZATION OF LANDS.

There is a tendency towards a monopolization of farm lands, taken as a whole, which in certain sections is marked, notably in the states west of the Mississippi river.

Among the mineral lands, and particularly the iron lands, there is a marked tendency towards increase in holdings, for economic reasons, while among timber lands the progress towards timber monopoly is decided, largely for speculative purposes.

The public range of the Western states is estimated to be 300 million acres in area. Upon this range it is estimated that there are fifty million cattle, and forty million sheep. The range is in very bad condition, especially that part occupied by sheep, owing to overgrazing and trampling. These bad conditions can be remedied by an assumption of control over the range by its owner, the United States.

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Sandbaggers Who Waylaid Saloonman Are Still at Large.

BULLET INTO BRAIN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—George T. Eaton, proprietor of the Eaton Music company of 216 West Third street, this city, was found about 4 o'clock this morning in a room at the Hotel California with a bullet hole in his head. He was still alive but the wound is believed to be fatal. It is thought to be a case of suicide. Eaton is unmarried and resides at Franklin and Grand streets. He is a well-known figure in the city, and his death is a great loss to the community. He was removed to the receiving hospital and the surgeons made an effort to locate the bullet.

MUST CONSERVE TIMBER SUPPLY

Closer Utilization of Products Required.

Big Lumber Company Is Co-operating With Forestry Service.

The future development of the lumber industry in this country lies in the direction of a closer utilization of forest products. Both foresters and practical lumbermen now agree on this point.

Just what can be done in this field is well illustrated in the operations at the mill of the Great Southern Lumber Company, which has just reopened its plant at Bogalusa, Louisiana, in response to the increased demand for lumber after the recent slump in business. This is perhaps the largest sawmill in the United States, and in the world, and is capable of turning out the enormous amount of 100,000 feet of sawn lumber, board measure, per day. A reader can get a fair idea of this quantity of lumber when he is told that its output is enough to build a little town of forty houses, along with a good sized church and a school house every day.

This company was quick to grasp the significance of the rapid depletion of lumber resources. Last year it began a co-operative investigation in wood utilization with the United States Forest Service and arrangements have just been completed for a renewal of the experiments. The work will be along practical lines and will be aimed to secure a closer utilization of the products of the lumber industry. At the same time produce a margin of profit that is obtained by the methods which are now practiced.

The field for work along this line is broad. It is well known that the superior grades of lumber are obtained from old mature trees, provided they are not weakened by decay or other influences. In other words, a thousand feet board measure of lumber, sawed from a tree two feet in diameter, costs less and is worth more than a thousand feet sawed from a tree only eight inches in diameter. Moreover, lumber cut from young trees usually contains a large amount of sapwood. If this sapwood is cut out from such material, it will decay far more rapidly than if left in the heart. It is not good business policy, however, in a great many cases to saw the most valuable timber into commodities, which are relatively low in cost, such as ties and poles. It is the intention, therefore, of the company to find out just what size and classes of timber can be best utilized for the cheaper commodities when given a preservative treatment.

To this end a careful study will be made to ascertain the amount and value of the products saved from trees of different sizes and just how each can be best utilized so as to secure the greatest economy and profit. For example, can the eight inch diameter be best utilized for ties or for flooring, and how will the profit compare if treated with this solid untreated? It seems reasonable to suppose that the profits derived from the sale of treated timber will exceed those from untreated timber.

FLOOR COLLAPSES IN A COURTROOM

No Deaths Believed to Have Resulted from Mishap in Maryland Town.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.—The second floor of a two-story building at Elbow City, Maryland, fell this afternoon during the hearing before Justice R. H. Welton of William Hapgood, a negro, charged with murdering a white man. A dozen persons suffered broken legs and arms.

So far as could be learned, no deaths resulted, but a number of the injured are said to be in a serious condition. Among those hurt, beside the victim and the prisoner, are ex-Judge J. T. Rogers, State's Attorney Martin B. Keene, William S. Powell, William H. Hall, a United Press reporter, and Charles Jones.

The floor had only just begun when the floor weakened and with no other warning collapsed. The persons in the room were thrown into a struggling mass, those who were on the outside jumping through windows.

CLUB HOUSE BURNS.

REDDING, Cal., Dec. 29.—The Pollock club house on the McLeod river, twenty-five miles above the city at Redding, was burned on Christmas eve, losing \$10,000. The keeper was absent at the time. The fire probably originated from embers left in the fire place. The club house was a fine hunting lodge, owned by an association of wealthy San Franciscans.

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At 8 o'clock a short but excellent musical program was rendered as follows: Piano solo, Mrs. T. A. Elliott; vocal solo, Mrs. John Carter; fancy dance, Helen and Florence Hayes; vocal solo, Clarence Danley; character song, Mrs. Rita (Ginger) Danley.

At 9 o'clock dancing was in order and continued until morning with an intermission for supper served in the hall. Invitations were restricted to the families and lady friends of the members of the commandery.

There is no trace of the two men who last night sandbagged J. H. Shannon, a local saloonist, while on his way home. He was rendered unconscious, but nothing was taken from him, the men having probably been frightened away.

The remains of Mrs. Helen Peterson, wife of Dr. T. J. Peterson, who died suddenly Saturday morning, will be taken to San Francisco tomorrow for reburial on Thursday.

The funeral of W. J. White, the pioneer, who died suddenly on Saturday morning of apoplexy, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the interment being in the city cemetery. Word has been received from his son, Lieutenant Russell White of Fort Monroe, Vermont, directing that the remains be interred here.

The funeral of Charles Edwards, who was killed at Shasta by a railroad train, was held at Exeter today. The young man was travelling with a friend and failed to note the approach of a train along the track on which he was standing.

Benjamin W. Smith of this city, died at midnight last night as the result of a complication of diseases. He was 72 years of age. He leaves six children—Mrs. S. B. Harwick and Mrs. G. W. Cox of Visalia, Mrs. Leaburn of Fresno, Mrs. Queen Lockwood of Dundee, Michigan, Mrs. Mary Brown of Penryn, New York, and Sylvester Smith of Visalia. He came to Visalia about three years ago. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the service being under the auspices of the local G. A. R.

Suit to collect a note for \$500 has been brought by E. K. Ragun of Hanford against eight persons residing in this city and vicinity, including J. A. Leaborn, G. W. Haskins, T. W. Challen, R. G. Keweenaw, J. W. Smith, John Hugler, J. W. Ward and H. Rodi. The note was issued a year ago to A. W. Potter & Company, later assigned to P. L. Ralinger and by the latter to plaintiff, R. W. Miller of Hanford is attorney for plaintiff.

The Keweenaw club will give its annual reception on Friday afternoon of this week. New Year's day. Lady friends of the members will be entertained with a program and supper.

Osborn and R. E. Edwards, brothers, were taken to San Francisco this morning by Officer F. Lord of the detective force of that city, to answer to a charge of burglary. They are believed to be two of the men looking for flats in the bay city. Some of the swag has been recovered.

SCHEME TO AVOID UNDERVALUATION

Customs Duties Should Be Collected on Rate Which Sales Are Made in America.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The tariff framers today began work on schedules B of the tariff law, which deals with earthenware, glassware and glassware. The changes sought in this schedule apply particularly to the tariff on pottery, and the testimony of the witnesses who appeared before the committee was very interesting. A suggestion to change the method of collecting the ad valorem duty on an article which is being seriously considered by the committee, was brought out during the hearing on pottery.

While Jerome Jones of Boston, Mass., was on the stand, Chairman Payne explained a plan to collect ad valorem duties based on the whole-sale price of the place of manufacture instead of the price of the goods at the time of importation. The object of the suggested change is to avoid undervaluation which results in a loss of revenue to the government.

Payne explained that the wholesale market price here can be easily obtained.

"The government calls your people before the appraisers," he said to the importer on the witness stand, "and puts them under oath as to what the wholesale price is, and if your countrymen should make a false oath they would be amenable to the law of the United States for perjury; but as it is now, there is no one to call before the board of appraisers, who knows the actual market price abroad."

Three men were killed and one seriously injured in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Big Four railroad, four miles south of here today.

Spilled Eyes

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And such may be your fate if you purchase the faulty eye-injuring lenses now being sold as substitutes for Kryptoks.

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STRICKEN ITALY

Reports of the Italian earthquake grow worse and worse. Already the San Francisco disaster pales into insignificance. Very few people were killed in San Francisco—a few hundred at most, even making all allowances for the unobserved and unknown. In Italy, the present estimate is a hundred thousand dead, and two whole provinces in indescribable chaos. The destruction of property also must have been enormous, though there was of course no such concentration of wealth anywhere in this region as in the business district of San Francisco. But the human suffering among the survivors will be terrible, and no possible relief can alleviate it much or quickly. San Francisco was immediately adjacent to Oakland and Berkeley, which were scarcely damaged at all, and was in immediate connection with a whole state whose resources and machinery of life were unimpaired. Few people went hungry in San Francisco even in the beginning, and after the second day there was shelter and food of some sort for everybody. By the time the fire was out the city was living cheerfully under camp conditions and military rule, and was really healthier, safer and more comfortable to live in than ever before or since. The human problem in San Francisco was comparatively simple and was quickly and well handled. The great problem was the rebuilding one, afterward. In Italy the human problem is already overwhelming, with no adequate means of solving it. Two whole regions, instead of a single city, are devastated, and the surviving population is simply turned out to the mercy of the elements, with nowhere to go and nothing to do but endure.

There have been few such disasters in history. The destruction of Pompeii and Herculaneum was nothing to it. Most of the population of these ancient cities escaped. Possibly the great Lisbon earthquake killed as many, and the Martinique disaster was more total. Also, Sicily itself has had some terrible experiences. But practically, in modern times, the disaster is unique. Word has gone out through the Red Cross to all the world for relief funds. California will not be lax in contributing to a relief whose urgent need we can realize only too well from our own experience. And, aside from tangible relief, the sympathy of the world will go out to stricken Italy.

A GOOD MOVE

It is reported that the Southern Pacific, instead of its present system of conductors and train agents, will conduct its through trains by a better division of labor. Under the present system, the conductor is scarcely relieved at all. He has full responsibility for running the train, and nearly full responsibility for collecting and accounting for tickets. The train agent watches him, to keep him from stealing. Under the new system, the conductor will have no responsibility at all for collecting the tickets. He will navigate the train, while a special "train auditor" will act as its business manager. The conductor will be a practical railroad man, responsible for getting the train through promptly and safely. The train auditor will not have to be a "practical railroad man" at all, but he will have to be an expert on railroad tickets. It will be his business to collect fares, make out accounts, and look out for scoundrels. Who will keep the train auditor from stealing is not explained. Perhaps it will take a third man to do that.

The principle is as correct as the present practice is incorrect. There is always much danger in the method of making one man both navigator, collector and bookkeeper of a train. Navigating may not take all the conductor's time, but it can not have too much of his attention. Human memory is fallible at best. When it is put to the task of keeping one thing in mind, while doing an entirely different thing, the risk is too great. The conductor is doing enough if he looks out for the speed and safety of his train. He can not do this if he has to put his main attention to collecting and accounting for fares.

A GOOD START

The acceptance by a practically unanimous vote of the so-called Garrettsburg contract, and the general signing of contracts under it, gives promise of an early restoration of activity in the rail business. This is, to be sure, an "off year," but the "off-year" alone has not accounted for the recent stagnation of the market. It was, rather, the chaotic situation here in Fresno, on both the packing and the growing side. If a sufficient number of contracts are signed up, order will be restored out of chaos, and the railroads should move. The price may not be high, but it should at least be a price that will bring some profit. And the railroads, going into competition, will not be loaded on next year's market, to demoralize it.

We do not think the outlook is one of pessimism, in spite of the fact that some decrease of profits must be expected this year. With all the talk of Mr. Garrettsburg about over-production, the fact remains that last year, with active competition on the packing side, the price ran up to the highest on record, and all of this high price would have gone into the pockets of the packers, had not come on the year ago. The difficulty of this year is that due to the

few vineyards which have since come into bearing. Either, it is due to the depressed condition of the Eastern consuming market, and to different competitive conditions on the packing side here. We may not have last year's conditions next year. Neither shall we have this year's. The normal American market is still able to consume, at reasonable prices, a normal California crop of raisins.

We do not quite agree with Mr. Garrettsburg that the growers should be the ones to do the \$150,000 a year advertising which he thinks is necessary to expand the market. The advertising ought to be done, and of course the cost of it will come indirectly out of the pockets of the growers. But it is for the packers, rather than the growers, to organize and manage this advertising. The wheat growers do not advertise. Shredded wheat biscuit, nor the tobacco growers. El Mundo cigar. If the raisin seedling combine will advertise California seeded raisins, charging, it need be, the cost back to the growers, the growers will take the risk of selling lower raisins and cheap loose raisins for themselves. The advertising of seeded raisins, if it is well done, will easily dispose of the bulk of the crop in this form.

However, for this year, the problem is to get the raisins into consumption, at the best obtainable price, by the only method which appears now available. And, in this task, an encouraging beginning appears to have been made.

EX-PATROLMAN IS PLACED IN JAIL

John Kennedy, formerly a patrolman on the Fresno police force, was arrested last night by Patrolman Johnson and charged with being intoxicated. Kennedy was in the Aime saloon and was raising a disturbance when Johnson saw him in sight and placed the ex-patrolman under arrest.

"EMMANUEL" CURES ARE PURELY MENTAL

Dr. G. Stanley Hall Makes Caustic Comments on the Movement at State Teachers' Association.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 29.—Dr. G. Stanley Hall of Clark university, near Boston, an eminent educator, here to make address before the California Teachers' association, tonight at Trinity church took flings at the so-called Emmanuel movement. He stated that the movement is a great one but one likely to fill the public mind with damaging superstitions. He claimed that those responsible for the movement had not been careful to promote the best found in that line of research. He stated that one of the most prominent physicians in Boston with a half dozen others has now turned his back upon the movement. The reason was declared by Emmanuel people's too great reliance upon mental cures alone.

RIZAL DAY OBSERVED BY THE FILIPINOS

Anniversary of Death of Noted Island Patriot at the Hands of the Spaniards.

MANILA, Dec. 30.—"Rizal day" was impressively observed today in Manila in honor of the memory of Dr. Jose Rizal, famous as the leader of the Philippine independence movement during the latter years of the Spanish regime and who was executed by the Spaniards as a traitor by being shot in the public square on December 30, 1896.

Fifteen thousand Filipinos, with many alienated boats, marched through the streets of the city and passed in review before Governor General Smith, a number of officials and high military officers. Patriotic speeches were made in honor of the martyrdom of Dr. Rizal and bands frequently rendered Aguinado's "Insurrecto" march, the natives each time doffing their hats.

EX-CONSTABLE IS MURDERED

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Mason Clements, former constable of El Paso, was shot and killed tonight in the Convey Island saloon. A stranger, fashionably dressed, fired the shot, walked past the bar crowded with people, among them a deputy sheriff, and disappeared before he could be arrested.

MILLIONAIRE MAKES HIS "MARK" ON A MORTGAGE

NAPA, Cal., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Marie Hanbury and her husband, David T. Hanbury, the millionaire lumberman, today placed a mortgage upon the 400-acre ranch on Island No. 2, recently deeded to Mrs. Hanbury by her husband, to secure a promissory note for \$5000. Too ill to write his signature, Hanbury merely made his mark.

HEAD OF STATE TEACHERS

SAN JOSE, Dec. 29.—E. M. Cox of San Rafael was this afternoon nominated for president of the State Teachers' association. Miss Agnes Howe of the local Normal school was tendered the honor but declined.

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HUNDRED THOUSAND EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

(Continued from Page 1.)
 Worst fears confirmed. New York City has two extensive quarters given over to Italians almost exclusively besides many smaller ones. The consul tonight after a conference with leading Italians issued a call for subscriptions. WILL AID SUFFERERS.

The Italian Chamber of Commerce met today under the chairmanship of its president, Luigi Solari, to consider plans for raising money for the sufferers. President Solari, in an address, said that of the \$500,000,000 of the imports received here from Italy, \$10,000,000 came from the earthquake district. The disaster would be a hard blow to trade. Solari also said there was considerable immigration from Calabria and Sicily in 1905 following the earthquake of that year, and he said he expected another exodus of the frightened people now on a much larger scale.

Two Italian newspapers, the *Dalla-* *Italia* and the *Progresso*, each had a subscription list started in their columns by subscribing \$500 each. All of the Italian newspapers issued extra editions today, giving translations of the cable dispatches brought to this country to describe the horror.

RED CROSS OFFERS HELP
 The American National Red Cross, of which President-Elect Taft is the head, has offered its services in co-operation with the Italian Red Cross. The New York State branch has today issued a call for aid.

Mayor Desplanches, the Italian ambassador to the United States, is expected to reach this city late tonight from Montreal. Though the regular Mediterranean tourist season has not yet started, there doubtless were hundreds of Americans in Calabria and Sicily and there are grave fears for their safety. Captain Charles C. Fonger, formerly in the federal service here, and his wife have been traveling in Italy and ten days ago word was received from them that they were about to leave Rome for Reggio.

ROME, Dec. 29.—A report of technical observations from the observatory at Messina says the earthquake lasted for twenty-three seconds only. It was accompanied by remarkable atmospheric phenomena. The supercharged air was filled with quarts and flashes of flame that shined up until the heavens seemed aflame. The crest of the earth appeared suddenly to drop. This phenomenon was followed by distinct lateral oscillations, that three points struck peak of their feet and they rushed to the streets.

Further stories told by the officers of the *Supplio* show the tremendous force of the great wave that swept completely over the city from which an immense cloud of dust fell as the buildings fell, while the air was rent by agonizing cries for help. All at once it was possible to get even a faint idea of what had happened. Amidst the entire city was reduced to ruins in a twinkling of an eye and in the midst of these still stood the giant and slender walls of the great Hotel Trinitaria, where a hundred foreign guests met their deaths, the municipal

palace and a line of what were once splendid edifices along the sea front. From a dozen sections tongues of flame were seen shooting out of the ruins and shortly half the town was enveloped in flames, the smoke from which was carried over the bay.

LOOTERS AT WORK
 The sailors from the *Supplio* succeeded after a mighty struggle against the waves in reaching the land, and they were among the first to penetrate into the town and begin the work of rescue. At every step, they came upon the dead and dying. Bundles of bodies covered the wrecked houses and then fought over the loot. One of these looters picked the home of a rich merchant, turning a deaf ear to his pleas for help for himself and family who were pillaged by the walls. They stole the treasure and set fire to the ruins. Soldiers were hastily dispatched to guard the city and they shot many of the looters, whom they caught in the act.

WEALTHY GIRL WEDS SARABIA

Boston Maiden Attracted to Mexican Revolutionist By Study of Socialist Ideas.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 29.—Mabel Sarabia, an alleged member of the Mexican revolutionist junta, was married here yesterday afternoon to Miss Elizabeth Frowbridge, a wealthy Boston girl. Sarabia's acquaintance with the young woman commenced when she paid a visit to the Los Angeles jail where he was confined. Sarabia was transferred to Tucson and she followed him here. Sarabia is out on \$1000 bonds at present. He will have a bride in Tombstone in January. The bride visited Los Angeles last winter with her mother, the widow of a prominent hydraulic engineer of Boston. She was attracted to Sarabia by her interest in Socialism.

PATIENTS ESCAPE FROM HOSPITAL FIRE

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 29.—Fire broke out this evening in the Whitwell hospital, located in the north end of this city, and completely destroyed the structure. There were ten patients in the building at the time, but all were removed from the building in safety. The loss is estimated at \$60,000, with insurance of less than \$30,000. The hospital was owned by New York parties. It was built two years ago. The fire is supposed to have started from a chimney spark which landed on the dry roof. When it was discovered it was beyond control.

COUNTY TREASURER ROBBED OF \$5000 BY MASKED MEN

WOODS HOLE, S. D., Dec. 29.—County Treasurer Michael Meier was held up in his office last night by two masked men and robbed of \$5000 in cash.

YAQUIS EMBRACE MEXICAN FOEMEN

Stubborn Tribesmen Declare Peace, and Conduct a Night-Long Celebration.

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 29.—The long war with the Yaqui Indians in Mexico, in which scores have been killed at different times, including many Americans, has been terminated in a treaty of peace agreed upon by three Indian chiefs and 100 of their followers, and the governor of the state of Sonora, Mexico.

The peace enacted at the treaty agreement was a remarkable one, concluding with the Mexican soldiers embracing the Yaquis and joining in a joint celebration, lasting all night.

An extra just issued of *La Constitution*, the official paper of Sonora, gives the particulars of the formal declaration of peace.

A conference took place at Nogales, in the Yaqui country, December 24th. At 3 o'clock Monday three Yaqui captains appeared and requested permission to bring a hundred and sixty-six of their armed followers to hold a conference with the state representatives. The conference took place in the tent of Commander Luis Barron of the regular army.

Three old Yaquis acted as spokesmen. All those at war taking off swords, and hats, and crossing arms over their breasts, appeared before the assembled soldiers and made their requests.

First was a guarantee of their lives, liberty and a pardon for past offenses, which was granted by the governor on condition of their submission being complete.

Second was a request for a return of their people deported to Yumatilla, to which the governor replied that it would depend on the conduct of those now surrendering.

They requested the retention of arms, to which the governor replied that the captains and a certain number of men acting as guards, all to be in service and pay of the state, would be allowed to retain arms.

Several other requests, relating to their religious feasts, etc., were readily granted.

The old chiefs then turned to their followers and in a loud voice asked them if they agreed to all the terms, to which all in one voice replied "Egal, Egal," meaning "yes."

The old chiefs then thanked Commander Barron and Captain Gots for their intervention and exclaimed "thanks to God, and the Virgin Saints, saying:

"We ask no more, thank God, than that on Christmas even, peace have been declared."

A number of Mexican soldiers rushed forward and embraced the Yaqui warriors and a general jollification was soon in progress. The Yaquis produced violins, harps and drums and a "pasacalle" soon in progress, lasted until the next day. As the use of liquor was strictly forbidden, no disorder whatever marred the happy occasion. As previously arranged, formal peace will be referred January 4.

Kutner-Goldstein Co. The Start of the January Stock Adjusting Sale

Different, better, stronger, more attractive than any sale we have ever held.

We are by no means satisfied to follow the old-time, worn out sales methods employed by so many stores in exploiting January sales.

First, we eliminate exaggeration, especially exaggeration of values. Secondly, we refrain from sensationalism in our advertising. Thirdly, we rely solely on the excellence of the merchandise we offer and the low prices we name to make this sale an unqualified success.

We are cheerfully willing to lose money now on a good deal of winter merchandise if we can secure a quick clearance—that's good storekeeping. We are just as anxious to close out all lines of goods that are broken in assortments and sizes. We are particularly anxious to close out all winter garments in women's wearing apparel and men's suits and overcoats. We want to make a clean sweep of flannels, flannellettes, winter underwear, winter hosiery, etc., so the elements of a big sale are all here, and you may be sure we will use them to the best advantage—yours and ours.

Today Woman's \$12.50 Coats \$9.85

Only a limited quantity of them, but each one a particularly good bargain: made of good quality of broad cloth; some plain, some fancy; good colors: browns, tans, grays, fancy mixtures; full cut coats; good length; trimmed with braids and buttons. Today \$9.85

Today Children's \$5.00 Coats \$2.95

Some excellent garments among them; warm; refers: heavy all wool materials; just the thing for school wear; some in plain colors; some in fancy mixtures; coats that have been selling at \$4.50 to \$5. Today for \$2.95

Phoenix Mufflers 50c

New arrivals: a silk finished knitted muffler for women; ornamental as well as useful; mercerized yarn; all colors; only 50c

Pillow Tops 50c

Hundreds to choose from; all new; some in oil cloth designs; some flowered; some in conventional patterns. Choice 50c

Grocery Specials

Large Navel Oranges, doz. 15c
 30c Jars Borden's Eggs, jar. 20c
 Small Navel Oranges, doz. 10c
 Ceramion Flakes, pkg. 25c
 Prepared Mince Meat, per lb. 10c
 Fancy Green Olives, qt. 20c
 Lea and Perrin's Sauce, bot. 25c
 Blue Point Oysters, can. 15c
 Heinz Prepared Mustard, bot. 12c
 16 oz. Pkg. Fancy Seeded Raisins, pkg. 7c
 Fancy Citron, per lb. 20c
 2 1/2 lb. Cans H. B. Fancy Pineapple, can 25c
 WE SELL PORT COSTA FLOUR



Port Costa Flour

The winner of the Port Costa Flour Prize, the Bird's-Eye Maple Broomer, was won by U. K. Stevens of 1037 I Street, winner having thirty-three coupons.

All coupons will be returned to parties so they can apply on another premium. New list to be issued in a few days.

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The Universal Adding Machine

Prints Those Red Totals. This is positively the best adding and listing machine on the market. We can prove it, and it will cost you a cent to have the proof made in your own office. We invite competition and do not fear comparisons. You will make a mistake if you fail to investigate the UNIVERSAL. The best is none too good for your office. L. M. Fletcher, District Sales Manager, 630 Monadnock Bldg., San Francisco.

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We are prepared at all times to buy large or small bunches of fat cattle, sheep and hogs, always giving preference to home grown stock. Prime beef, mutton and pork constantly on hand. Prices on application. Office, Cor. I and Fresno Streets. Phone Main 270

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We must pay to Mr. Hoefler, former proprietor of this store, by January 1st, '09, thirty thousand dollars

Hence These Bargains

Men's vicid kid shoes worth \$4 and \$5, selling for \$2.25

Men's working shoes; worth 3.50, selling for \$1.90

Boys' shoes; worth \$3.50, selling for \$2.00

and you will never be able to buy shoes at such prices again.

We are not offering you old, time-worn styles, but the season's newest are upon our shelves

Colgate's Toilet Powder; Violet and Cashmere Bouquet; size 150	THE CASH STORE RADING KAMP ON TULARE—BET. I AND J	Arkey Corsets, a new model; extra good value \$1.00
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Only Two Days More
Of the Big Suit and Cloak Sale

1/4 OFF

On Every Garment in IN THE HOUSE

For Today and Tomorrow

This is your opportunity to buy your fall and winter garments at a very low figure. Select any garment you need, no matter what the price and it's yours for 1-4 less than the marked price. Cloaks, Suits, Skirts, Waists, Furs, Children's Coats, Petticoats, Wrappers, Silk Dresses, Kimonos—everything in the department at one-quarter off the price. This sale is not a case of what we want to sell you. It's what you want to buy. You select your own garment from our entire stock, anything you want, no matter what it is or what the price, and we give you

ONE-QUARTER OFF

No Reserve—Everything Must Go

SHOE ITEMS OF INTEREST TODAY

Ladies' \$1.75 Rubber Heel Juliettes 98c	Men's \$2.50 Work Shoes \$1.49	Boys' \$2.00 Shoes \$1.49
Ladies' Juliettes, with hand turned soles; glove kid uppers and rubber heels; the kind always sold at \$1.75; to close, special at 98c	Men's all grain working shoes; two sole; full extension soles; sewed and nailed; the regular \$2.50 grade. Special to close, special at \$1.49	Boys' box calf blucher lace shoes; extension soles; a good shoe for wet weather; sizes 1 to 5 1/2; the \$2.00 kind. Special to close, special at \$1.49

SPECIAL SALE OF LONG GLOVES

Ladies' 8 Button Cape Gloves \$1.99	Ladies' 12 Button Cape Gloves \$2.45	Ladies' 16 Button Cape Gloves \$3.48
Ladies' 8 Button Cape heavy quality glove kid, in brown, tan, and model; the kind always sold at \$1.99; special to close, special at \$1.99	12 Button heavy real Cape gloves; 2 clasp non-squeezable style; brown, tan, model; \$2.45 grade everywhere; special to close, special at \$2.45	Fine quality 16 button Cape gloves; 2 clasp non-squeezable; in all available tan shades; all sizes; special to close, special at \$3.48

Any Belt In the House Today 39c

Today we offer the choice of any belt in the house, silk, fancy novelty effects, elastic, leather, etc.; all kinds and colors; big assortment, beautiful buckles; values up to \$1.00. Special 39c

39c

TWO BIG OVERCOAT SPECIALS

Every Hart Schaffner & Marx Overcoat—No Matter What it Cost \$18.65

We offer you today the choice of any Hart, Schaffner & Marx Overcoat or Rain Coat in the house, with out reserve; many \$20, \$30 and \$40 coats in the lot; Cravettes, black, flannels, fancy worsteds; also the very latest military collar novelties; endless variety for quick closing. Your choice \$18.65

Choice of Any Other Overcoat in the House \$10.65

Choice today of hundreds of fine Cravettes and box coats in worsted, cheviot and kersie; beautifully tailored garments in every stylish and wearable color; values up to and including many \$15 garments. Special \$10.65

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Our Monarch Spray Pump leads them all. No rubber or leather valves to wear out. Great pressure with little exertion.

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OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATS PREPARE TO DISFRANCHISE ALL NEGRO CITIZENS.

OKLAHOMA, Okla., Dec. 29.—Several of the leading Democrats of Oklahoma met here this afternoon for the purpose of preparing a bill to be introduced in the legislature next week to disfranchise the negro. Gov. Haskell was represented by J. L. Wyand of Muskogee.

RETURNS FROM ELOPEMENT WITH A POLISH PRIEST.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 29.—Miss Scraphin, a woman who it is claimed, had been brought back to this city and is now in care of the Young Women's Christian Association. The priest had also returned.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

At a well attended and well executed initiation ceremony held last night by the Woodmen of the World, three new members were added to the order. J. E. Strahan, H. L. Chambers, and Wm. H. Crosby took the oath, which was put on in full.

A new application was received, and a number were elected to the sick benefit department.

Arrangements are completed for the second meeting of the Woodmen of the World, which will be held on Tuesday night, when the Woodmen and the Ladies of Asaola Circle hold a joint installation of officers. A musical program will be given, and refreshments served. All members are invited to come and bring their wives or sweethearts.

GATUN DAM SAFE, DECLARES ENGINEER

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—John A. Stevens, formerly chief engineer of the Panama canal, in a letter published in this week's issue of the Engineering News, defends the Gatun dam and states that the dam is being built actually much wider and higher than safety requires, merely as a concession to prejudice, and that if the canal were being built by private interests a much less massive structure would have been considered entirely secure.

THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN

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WEATHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The pressure is falling rapidly about a point east of California, north of San Francisco, and conditions are favorable for a change in weather conditions. The forecast calls for foggy weather with north winds will give way to warmer weather with east winds changing to south. Rain may occur by Thursday. Forecast:
San Joaquin valley cloudy, warmer Wednesday, fresh south wind.
GENERAL CONDITIONS
High barometric pressure over the region east of the Mississippi river. The weather is slightly cooler over the North Atlantic states with partly cloudy weather, while it is generally clear in the south with nearly stationary temperature.

The storm noted yesterday over British Columbia has moved eastward and is now central north of the Rockies. County weather, locally over the Mississippi valley and high precipitation has fallen on Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and Virginia. Cool weather continues throughout the Rocky mountain states and the plateau region and rain or snow has fallen over the North Pacific slope and Montana.

Fair weather is indicated for Fresno and vicinity tonight and Wednesday with frost Wednesday morning.

J. P. HOLTON, Official in Charge

Temperature dry bulb	56
Temperature wet bulb	50
Humidity	65
Wind S. (mi. per hr.)	2
Maximum temperature	58
Minimum temperature	32
Today's rainfall	0.00
Rainfall to date	0.12
Barometer to date	30.00
Barometer	30.00

LOCAL BREVITIES

Holland's midweek specials are money-savers. See display ad, page 6.
Ask for Danish creamery butter.
Dr. Rose moved, 39 Fluke Bldg.
Dr. O. B. Doyle, Land Co. Bldg.
Horses boarded, Black Hawk Stables, M. 171.

Turkeys wanted at Santa Fe Market, opposite Santa Fe depot.

Ask your grocer for M. Campbell oranges, best on the market.

Grand ball Wednesday night, December 30, at Armory hall by Canton Fresno No. 50, I. O. O. F.

The Danish Lutheran church of which H. Hansen is the pastor will hold Christmas services at 11:30 A. M. on Monday, today.

Handreeling, shampooing, scalp treatment, hair, face, neck, shoulders, pom-pom, puffs, etc. Combings made up. Garibaldi Bldg, Main 1041; wages rented.

One license to marry was issued yesterday, namely, to James B. Jones, Kentucky born aged 26 years, and Alice E. White, California born, aged 19; residents of Fresno.

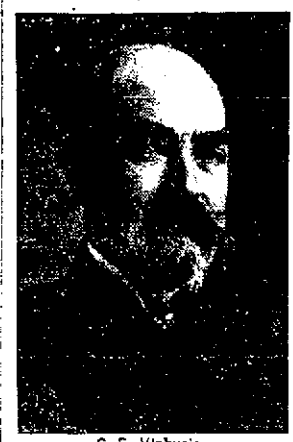
Changing hands: We have bought out the Eureka Meat Market on Blackstone Avenue and will be pleased to have the patronage of new as well as all the old customers. Luck & Pond.

A numerously signed petition by residents on Belmont avenue in the vicinity of Krueger school house is on file with the board of supervisors for the location of half a dozen or more electric lights distributed along the avenue from the street car line terminus at Fairview avenue to the railroad track and near loading dock.

C. L. Harrison, for twelve years a resident of Tulare, has in application yesterday to the supervisors for a license for a saloon at Centerville which he bought at sheriff's sale. The place is located half a mile from the school house. George J. Gruber made license application for a saloon in Firebaugh, taking the same between Firebaugh and Firebaugh streets near the river bank and 1500 feet from the school house.

FUNERAL TODAY OF G. B. VLAHUSIC

Slavonian Benevolent Society Will Conduct Obsequies of Noted Countyman.



G. B. Vlahusic.

The Slavonian Benevolent society will conduct the funeral of G. B. Vlahusic, which will take place at 10 o'clock this morning from the late residence, No. 2127 Ventura avenue. The deceased was held in loving regard by the many Slavonians in and around Fresno, and they will accompany the body to its last resting place in Mountain View cemetery. Interment will be in the plot of the Knights of Pythias. The services will be conducted by Rev. Harry Hanson of St. James Episcopal church. Mr. Vlahusic was a singular character of unusual intellectual attainments. He had a wide knowledge of astronomy, chemistry, mine laws and geology. He was born and christened a Roman Catholic, but had not affiliated with the church during his mature years. He was a man of most generous impulses. He sent \$500 for the relief of the San Francisco fire sufferers and was always generous to any and all whom he favored by need. Among his important services to Fresno county in a horticultural way was the introduction of the Smyrna fig.

GIFFORD PINCHOT ARRIVES AT OTTAWA

Will Invite Canadian Government to Send Representatives to Natural Reserve Conference.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 29.—Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry division of the United States, arrived today bearing an invitation to Canada to a convention in the United States to consider the conservation of the natural resources of the North American continent. He is the guest of the governor-general. The Canadian government will heartily accept the invitation.

BORN

HERRY—On Palm avenue, December 29, 1908, to the wife of G. A. Berry, a daughter.

REJECTED LOVER

KILLS HIMSELF

Fowler Girl Jilts T. F. Ramos on Eve of Wedding.

Deputy Coroner Tisle Fails to Notify Coroner Until Yesterday.

A suicide was committed at Sanger at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon by a Portuguese named Louis E. Ramos, who had become despondent because Mattie Pimental of Fowler had jilted him on the eve of their appointed wedding date. The inquest over the body of the deceased was held on Monday by Deputy Coroner John Tisle of Sanger and the verdict of the jury was that Ramos had come to his death by shooting himself through the head with a rifle.

The first news that Coroner Bean had about the death was communicated to him yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by John Pimental, who works as a clerk in the store of S. B. Goodman.

Pimental had been instructed by relatives of the deceased to see Stephens & Bean about burying the deceased. Thinking of course that Bean had been apprized of the facts, Pimental immediately began to talk about the burial of Ramos, and was much taken back when Bean informed him that he had not even heard that Ramos had committed suicide. It is customary for all deputies to notify the coroner of all suicides as soon as possible.

As soon as Bean was apprized of the facts he put in a telephone call for Tisle to find out why he had not notified him. While waiting for "central" to get Sanger the phone in the coroner's office rang and Tisle then notified the coroner, almost two days after the suicide had been committed.

Ramos was a thrifty vineyardist living about five miles south of Sanger. He was 28 years old. Some years ago he had fallen in love with 15-year-old Mattie Pimental, the daughter of a Fowler vineyardist, and recently arrangements had been made for their marriage. The marriage license had been secured and Thursday had been set as the date for the wedding. Ramos had given the girl a costly engagement ring, in addition to many beautiful presents, and had just completed finishing a comfortable dwelling on his ranch. Everything looked bright to Ramos, but last Saturday a messenger was sent from the Pimental house in Fowler to Ramos, bearing a note from the girl to the effect that marriage was impossible.

All the presents that he had given her were also returned by the same messenger, but no reasons were assigned for the breaking of the match. Ramos hastened to Fowler to try to persuade the girl and her parents to change their minds, but all to no avail, and so returned crestfallen to his ranch Sunday afternoon. He visited a Mr. Fields, a neighbor rancher, and asked for the use of his rifle, saying that he intended to kill some pigs, and on asking Fields the best way to kill pigs was told to shoot them through the head.

He then started for home, but while in the Fields orchard stopped, and placing the rifle against his forehead blew his brains out. On a step-ladder which was standing under a nearby fruit tree he left the following note, which was written in Portuguese: "Good-bye, dear mother and father, I will never shake hands with you again. Ramos no one for this. I have troubles of my own."

The body of Ramos will arrive in Fresno this morning and will be buried from the undertaking parlors of Stephens & Bean.

SHINN SAYS 'PHONES GREAT IN FOREST

C. H. Shinn, forest supervisor, returns this morning to his headquarters at North Fork after a few days' visit in Fresno. He states that twenty-five or thirty miles of the reserve telephone system has been built and that an additional appropriation has been secured to extend the service. It is a great convenience in the work, saving many a hard trip. It is also a social feature not to be undervalued in lonely mountain life. Mr. Shinn expects that in time an arrangement can be made to connect with the commercial telephone at North Fork.

BELIEVES WOMAN ROBBED HIM OF \$10

Mrs. Hogan, who at different times has been in prison of the Lincoln hotel, a North street, and at the corner of M street, was brought before Judge Hines yesterday on a warrant returned by Wesley Barr. According to Barr he met Mrs. Hogan early Monday evening and was with her some time. When he left her he found that she was minus \$10 in gold coin, and yesterday swore to a warrant for her arrest.

Mrs. Hogan denied before Judge Hines that she had taken the money, but pleaded guilty to the charge of vagrancy and was given until Thursday to leave town.

MEXICAN ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT MURDER

A Barbano, a Mexican, was lodged in the county jail last night by Deputy Constable V. Thompson, of Firebaugh. He was charged with attempting to commit murder. He got into an altercation in Firebaugh with another man the other night and before he had gotten through had attempted to kill the man.

CORDIAL WELCOME TO AMERICAN SHIPS

President Gomez of Venezuela Visits the Commander of the Dolphin on Board His Vessel.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Cordial manifestations of good feeling and courtesy have signaled the arrival in Venezuelan waters of the ships of the American navy with Commissioner William H. Richards, who was sent to conduct negotiations with President Gomez.

A dispatch received from Admiral Arnold says President Gomez and his cabinet exchanged salutes with Captain Richards, commander of the Dolphin.

The utmost cordiality prevailed. The North Carolina is already homebound. The Maine may remain in Venezuelan waters for a time.

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\$5.00 voile and Panama Skirts at \$3.75

In Brown and Blue



A sale of separate Skirts of the most fashionable kind, where the saving opportunity is unsurpassed. Every woman should buy one at the reduced price at which we offer them today.

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WHAT HAINS FOUND ON COMING HOME

Billy Annis So Intimate at the House That Mrs. Hains Would Call Him "Papa."

FLASHING, N. Y., Dec. 29.

The marital troubles of Captain Peter G. Hains, Jr., and his story of the strange meeting with his wife, Claudia Hains, came out in the trial of Thornton J. Hains today, when Samuel C. Reid, a government building inspector at North Chicago, related conversations he had last time with Captain Hains, making known the causes that led to the separation of the captain and his wife. The testimony of what Captain Hains said was permitted by Justice Crane as having a bearing on the mental condition of the army officer at that time.

Reid stated that Captain Hains told him that his wife had confessed that she loved Annis. Captain Hains cried signs of great mental distress in the narration of his troubles, the witness said.

Reid is said by counsel for the defense to be a brother of Princess Rospigliosi of Rome and comes from Kentucky. He is a grand son of S. C. Reid, who commanded the privateer General Armstrong in the battle of Fayal, Azores, during the war of 1812.

Reid said: "Captain Hains told me he went to Fort Hamilton and found his wife, who wanted to know why he had returned home. Why, Claudia, your reputation is at stake. I have come from the utter ends of the earth to save you. I have

heard gossip of you and Annis," the captain said. His wife told him that the gossip was ridiculous.

Reid said that the captain stated that he invited Annis to dinner to show that he did not believe the gossip. Witness said that Captain Hains said his further told him there were things to be investigated and that he, Captain Hains, would speak to his wife and she replied: "I do love Billy Annis."

Mr. Reid further testified: "The captain said that his wife then told him all that she loved Billy Annis and not him."

"I could not understand it," said Captain Hains. "The night before she gave me her earrings and told me that it was not so."

Re. Reid described Captain Hains' appearance. The witness said that Captain Hains frequently expressed a desire to die and said that Thornton Hains had been so good to him. Reid said that the captain said, "I was not so."

The witness jumped from her seat and gave an exhibition of how the captain acted, crying out: "Oh, my God! Did she do that? What will become of my children?" "When did you tell Captain Hains all this?" asked Justice Crane, sharply.

"The night he came home from the Philippines," was the reply.

The Skin of an Ancient

By Miguel Zamacois

By Miguel Zamacois



ated. "Mr. Boullet, here is a package," she said. "The circumstances in which this phrase was uttered relieved it from the usual meaning of the word. It had been attributed to me. An employee of the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean company having bought the package, Olympe, the maid of all work, and perpetual disturber of the house, became so annoyed and announced the fact to Mrs. Boullet, who being very busy trying to get into her corset, had told her to take the news to Mr. Boullet. Olympe had accordingly come to this point, when she was interrupted by the retirement of Mr. Boullet, who had growled loudly in return:

"What's the matter now?"

"Mr. Boullet had said so," because the package had followed in the wake of numerous other interruptions, all as futile as they were systematic.

"Mr. Boullet, here is a package!" Olympe had responded.

"What?" he had exclaimed that gentleman, in whom it appeared that the faithful but turbulent Olympe had

He found him a place in the Phoenician company. After all, that was Egyptian.

Heard came now bursting with rage. He, an Egyptologist, a second-hand dealer in antiquities, a collector of all the Pharaohs from the earliest days, and who, if he had not had time to write his own reflections upon their myth and dogma, had at least a hundred volumes of books written upon the subject, to become the paid driver for a company which contributed to the profanation by tourists of the ancient country of Raïnes—this was too much for him.

"Brother," he said to Mr. Chester, "why should I not remain my own master and let the intellectual profit by what I have in my hands?"

"There are many others have reached the highest positions, have been officers or commanders of the Legion of Honor through their works on Egyptology, although they possessed neither intuitive knowledge for vanished civilizations, nor any faculty for writing, and I do not see what should

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"piece of calfskin," groaned Mr. Boulton. "That's a good deal! That's a very expensive piece of leather goods." "One hundred thousand francs," said Mr. Boulton, looking at the faithful servants, who could not believe he was joking. "Isn't Mr. Boulton a little crazy, don't you think?" asked some of the domestics. "No," answered the weakling upon which it depended. "And she withdrew indignantly into the kitchen."

Mr. Boulton shrugged his shoulders, and turned to his friend, that it was the strangeness of this object of no apparent value which was so religiously guarded. "It is worth more than all the hundred thousand francs which I could have asked for it," said he. "What is the name of royalty?" And what then? "What could there have been extraordinary about that? There are thousands of millions of them now being produced every day." "And what then?" "And then in any quantity they are sold." Whereas this single piece of skin so carefully guarded, so delicately scathed in name and aromatic

yourself up with that hero," which is an offence to the moon!"

"Let us see, Olympus," he not about to give up, "and fetch the three valises which are in the dark study. I think there is one of cow-leather—cow or bull. They must resemble each other."

And he returned with the three valises. Two of them were at once rejected, one of them being varnished clearly the other of pasteboard. The third was retained.

"Now, speaking," cried Olympus, "How do you know that, my girl?"

"Goodness, because it's so written on it."

And Olympus pointed to a ticket fastened upon the reel, "A specialty of valises in pigskin."

"How stupid I am!" exclaimed Bonnet, suddenly. "Well, soon find out. I have calf-skin upon my calf, and future cow." Six months more and my shoes would have been cow's leather. We shall soon see!"

Mr. Bonnet sat upon the sofa and stared at the girl without effort, as though he gazed at it with curiosity.

all, if it be an established fact that the donkey was denied the same consideration as the bull Apis, it must have been because the donkey was sacred in the same manner, equally respected, equally worshipped. Hence you may see the explanation of such a trait in this unprovoked revelation. A work known up before me—great, monumental, magnificent—in the rehabilitation of the donkey so unjustly exterminated. At last, the "clerk direct." That is—a revision of Egyptian mythology! The overthrow of an error in profane history. I shall be the father of a yet unpublished scientific theory, namely, not only that the donkey is a great fact, but a document that is authentic and palpable, in this piece of skin so precious, so needlessly honored! This time, it is the institute and the chair of Egyptology, I dress myself and I go, "mill!"

"Whether are you going?"

"I must first establish the fact that this bit of leather—"

"You are going on a round of visits to all the factories, far or

Mr. Houlot exulted. He had engaged a servant, who, clad in black, responded to all visitors, courteously evaded the demands of the little journalists, received requests for autographs and introduced into the parlor the German, Russian, Norwegian or Swedish delegates from the universities of learned towns.

"If six months, my dear, I shall be a member of the Institute and a knight of the Legion of Honor," so Mr. Houlot, intoxicated with pride, would inform his wife. "I shall be the most conspicuous man in the scientific world. I shall be the Pasteur of Egyptology."

Mrs. Houlot congratulated herself on being the wife of a man who was getting on so nobly, and already dreamed of having an academic salon, where elections should be held, and in her joy, she had proposed, as the first thing to be done, that fifty francs should be given to Augustus for the purchase of the Bazaar of Cairo and Humanitarian Progress.



crept beyond the borders of domestic familiarity.

"I say, here is a package, sir," repeated Olympe, delighted with this formula, hit upon by accident, which enabled her to make a non-committal reference to her master and at the same time to do her duty.

"Can't Mr. Bonjol attend to the package?"

"Yes, Bonjol." She is dressing. And, heedless of the fact that the post is addressed to you. You must sign for it."

"All right, I'll be out."

Mr. Bonjol wiped his spectacles carefully and, as was his custom always, and came out to attend to the receipt of the package. It was a bundle which took on the form of a rectangular parcel wrapped in a double layer of brown wrapping paper.

"What can it be?" asked Mr. Bonjol.

"I don't know," replied the messenger. "All I know is that it is labelled 'antiques' and that it comes from Egypt."

prevent me from?"

His resolution taken, he had made a study for himself. This room was the cabinet type of the perfect Egyptian—the wall paper was a pattern of simple, compact, symmetrical designs, with spindled heads, a gilt clock, representing Bonaparte seated on a camel from whose stomach projected the clock's face; a banner to fasten the camel to the wall, and on the walls were hung a few photographs bought from time to time by the quays, representing excavations at Luxor, the portrait of a man in a turban and a woman in a harem.

There was also on the bookcase a stuffed lion covered with dust, and a small plaster model of the pyramids of Thebes, obtained from a French officer on the occasion of his arrival.

At the time when this story opens Mr. Benoit had for some thirty years shut himself up at home, and in the study with the cabinet, and the wall paper, and the photographs, and the model of the pyramids, the subject whom he had made his specialty, hoping that to draw to him

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told Mr. Boulton feel and weigh the matter in his hand. He even snuffed it out, but could make nothing of it. "What was the truth did not reveal itself at once. Mr. Boulton had returned to a familiar process with an increased confidence. He hoped with a good deal into the region of hypothesis. The Egyptians, he said to himself, employed persons of distinction and some examples of them, but of some persons they made completed mummies, and of such sort are the mummies that even who may be seen in museums, and who look as if they had been gathered in a sack, snuffed like herrings, and dried in the sun. The painful realization of the Egyptians' professions and what befell the profane mummies. What was most plausible

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the place of skin in his morrow coat had preceded to the back of the seat and he had not done upon a lid of pasteboard all the addresses that Jack's interest him.

There he betook himself first to the car's manufacture of musical instruments, which then appeared as an expert in the courts.

"S. P.," he said to him, "I have all ways allowed myself to say that drawing of the car's manufacture of musical instruments are equipped with a donkey's skin. Therefore I took it for granted that a donkey's skin should be found for the car's manufacture of musical instruments. But, you see, according to this fragment of the epidemics of this prodigious, striped quadruped! The matter is one of the greatest importance."

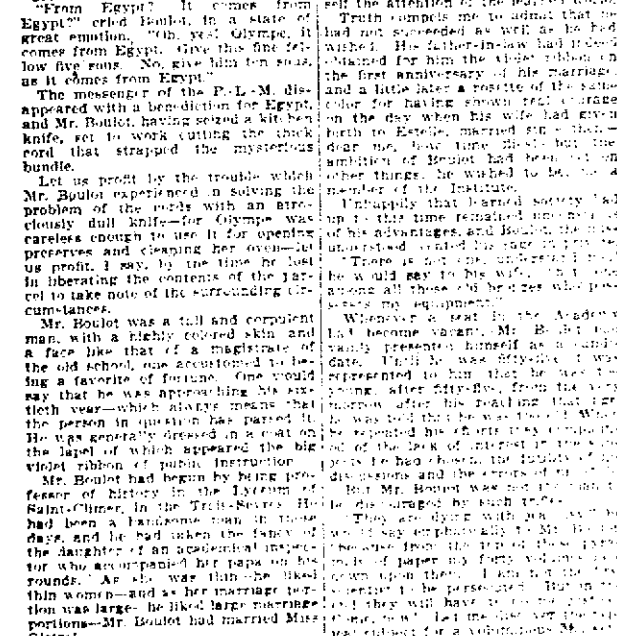
And to lead up the odd and fearful subject. The expert in musical instruments looked with expectation at the piece of leather, which was worn in a thin skin. He thought he was confronted by a mild madman, probably quite and

One morning, to their great astonishment, the autograph collectors, interviewers, photographers and other persons, famous personages learned from the janitor that Mr. Boulot, his wife and his servant had suddenly departed on the previous evening for an unknown destination. They were, said the janitor, the appearance of people who had been provided by some irrepressible affliction. His last memory was to go to the apartment with the furniture. They had left Paris and would never return.

At this very moment, Mr. Boulot, who had been in Lyons, having traveled all night, were taking permanent possession of a little country house in the neighborhood of Bordeaux.

Mr. Boulot, however, was not Mrs. Boulot. This is the affliction, irrepressible indeed, which had befallen them.

On the previous evening, when engaged in the study of his work, he



tion. He was full of good fortune-ground from every point of view—had altered his whole life. He had come up to Paris in the hope that his father-in-law would find for him a good position in a university where his superior intelligence might be appreciated at its true value. It was he, if understood, who attached this value to his intelligence. By impartial people his intellectual capacity was held to be about on a par with a tendency to fall for a medium when he advanced in cerebral hobbies.

He was the first rank among these hobbies must be placed Egyptology. The study of ancient Egypt had always been a passion with Mr. Boulet. When a professor he had hurried through the history of France in the last year and during the recesses of the school year had wallowed with luxuriant pleasure in the history of ancient Egypt. Therefore when he came to Paris, after marrying Miss Gistrol and earning the title of son-in-law to Mr. Gistrol, the academical reputation brought the latter to the conclusion that his son-in-law would find a position for himself in ancient Egypt, which was his passion.

Mr. Gistrol made applications everywhere and distributed recommendations, but could not obtain a chair in history for Boulet, because he had

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FACIAMENTO, Dec. 22.—William Collins, as he was best known, died at noon today. He was a native of Indiana where he was born on November 1841. He came to this State in 1874 and secured employment on the Toledo & Cleveland at Chicago as a printer. Later he was given a situation as a reporter. In 1884 he went to Blaine, Butte county, where he established the Hamilton Policy, a campaign paper. This was not a financial success and he returned to Chicago, becoming connected with the Chicago Chronicle.

He became connected with the Sacramento Bee in 1886, with which he has been continuously connected since. He leaves a wife and two children, Mrs. Lee Welton and a son, Fred E. Collins, a member of the Chicago theatrical company. Little Collins, a brother of the deceased, is a well known actor now in the East.

OAKLAND, Dec. 22.—A new diamond boarded car No. 288 at 10:30 A.M. on the terminal of the street car line at the foot of the cable and at the point of a sharp curve, was compelled to stop for a moment and modernism to give up all claim to speed, amounting to \$20. The car was described as short and fat, and a mark made from a hand and arm escaped.

GARTENLAUB PLAN IS ADOPTED BY GROWERS

Will Make Packers Only Employees of Raisin Producers; If 25,000 Tons Are Signed Up, Probable Price 21-2 Cents.

By the adoption of the (Gartenlaub) contract yesterday, the raisin growers in the nation have agreed, the uncertainty which has been hanging over the marketing of the crop of 1936 is lifted and the appearance of the market is bright.

During the morning session and during the first part of the afternoon session, the meeting was held at the Hotel California, and the growers brought face to face with the fact that they were no longer packers, but employees of the raisin producers. The growers could only expect a repetition of this year's low prices next year.

In the midst of a heated controversy on the part of several growers, among whom were Messrs. Martin of Earle, who were in favor of the plan, and a grower whose name could not be ascertained, and Mr. Gartenlaub, Boyd of Dinuba, arose and moved that it was the sense of the meeting that the contract be adopted. On putting the question, it was found that there was a large majority in favor of the motion. Chairman Fairweather then put the question a second time, with the result that there was only one lone vote in opposition.

Chairman Fairweather then asked all those to rise who were willing to sign the contract at that time and fully three-fourths of the growers in attendance signed. Their intentions so doing. The meeting then adjourned and the rest of the afternoon was spent in obtaining signatures.

Last night Chairman Fairweather said that most of those in attendance had signed, but the total number of tons thrown into the pool was estimated at 15,000 tons. He said that enough tons will be secured to make the pool a success. He will leave for Hanford this morning to attend a similar meeting of the raisin growers in Kings county.

Patrick Campbell, one of the biggest raisin growers in Kings county, expressed himself as being well pleased with the outcome of the Fresno meeting.

With the adoption of the Gartenlaub contract, if the raisin pool succeeds, it will mean that the packers will act as agents of the growers. The packers will be employed by the growers to do their packing and marketing, which the growers will pay them 5 per cent in advance and 50 per cent for goods, and then \$2.50 per ton for stemming. The packers will then market the goods for the grower for the best possible price, but Mr. Gartenlaub explained at the meeting yesterday that he doubted whether the growers would obtain more than 2 1/2 cents a pound.

If the pool is successful, the Gartenlaub contract means that the packers will go out of business as independent packers with the view of September 1st.

GARTENLAUB GIVES VIEWS.

The afternoon session convened at 1 o'clock, and Gartenlaub, who was present, was called upon by Chairman John Fairweather to give his views of the raisin situation to the 500 growers assembled. Gartenlaub, after explaining the different provisions of the contract, said that the growers should not be deluded into believing that they signed the contract and that they would have a chance of getting from 2 to 4 cents for their goods. He said that it would be impossible to get this price, even if there was a strong association of raisin growers instead of no association at all. In explaining the reason for this, he said that the market for raisins was overstocked.

Continuing the packer said, "I do not mean to be so narrow, but the fact must be remembered that you growers have been producing and planting vineyards, increasing the annual product of raisins each year, but at the same time you have never done anything to widen the market and increase consumption. You can do this by advertising and by other means, but you must do it. Each year it is to your interests to spend at least \$150,000 in advertising raisins. The United States is big enough to consume all the raisins you can produce here, but you must make people here and create a demand for raisins that will keep pace with your increased production every year. If you do not stimulate this demand you will always face this condition of over-production and hold-down prices.

QUESTIONS ARE ASKED.

A grower interrupted Gartenlaub to ask him why it was so difficult to market raisins. He said that he knew of no other product which he knew of which was so difficult to market, and cited the heavy marketing of the apple crop.

Gartenlaub answered him by saying that the raisin industry is not the same as the apple industry. He said that apples found a market abroad, but raisins could not.

Another grower took occasion to ask Gartenlaub what would be the result if the raisin growers should demand 11 cents for their raisins.

Gartenlaub answered that there could be no such thing as a demand of 11 cents only one-half of the crop could be sold. Gartenlaub commented on the fact that never before in the history of the raisin industry has there been such a big unsold crop as late in the year as this, and that the growers had got down to nothing and made arrangements to dispose of the present crop.

A grower here arose to say that it was his belief that if there had been no agitation at the beginning of the season the market would have taken its course and a fair price would have been secured by the grower. He believed that the best thing the growers could do now was to go home and wait for the market to brighten up.

PUPP BLAME ON PACKERS.

The remarks of this grower gave Charles Marsh his cue. He said that he was fairly convinced that if it was not for the packers, the grower would now be getting good prices. He said that it was the packers who were now standing between the growers and the Eastern retailers.

Ed Martin of Fowler said that he did not believe the packers were trying to sell any raisins, and another grower, addressing Gartenlaub said, "In less than three years the growers will kiss the packers good-bye."

Gartenlaub pleaded with the growers to sell raisins at a loss now, stepping from a certain that he had more money, not growing raisins, but he had ever done out of packing.

IRRIGATION RATE CASE AFFIRMED

On Decision of Judge Austin Given on Demurrer. That Miller & Lux Had No Standing in Court in 1905.

Attorneys G. W. Jones and Frank Kanke received word yesterday that the supreme court had affirmed on appeal on Monday the decision on demurrer of Judge Austin in the case of the San Joaquin and Kings River Canal and Irrigation Company (Miller & Lux) against the counties of Stanislaus, Merced and Fresno, involving rates for irrigation purposes in the counties named for the year 1905. Jones and Kanke had charge of this case at the time as district attorney and assistant and followed it up on the appeal. The judgment here was against the plaintiff on demurrer, holding that they had no standing in court because the law for fixing rates provides that after one year on application of the canal companies the supervisors can increase, alter or abrogate existing rates, and in this instance, though a belated attempt was made to carry out this provision in presenting a petition which was manifestly in the interest of the canal company and to overcome the rate raised. The supreme court decision disposes of a vital issue in this tri-county irrigation water rate litigation, because the entire subject is involved in a later action by the company pending in the United States circuit court, in which the established rates are sought to be set aside, because according to a previous ruling of U. S. Judge Ross the income from the rates does not guarantee the company a law fixed return on its investment.

MYSTERY INVOLVED IN TRAGEDY AT TOLL HOUSE

Arthur Bowlen, Slashed in Fight, Found Dead in Home of Father of Assailant-- Sheriff Investigating

Arthur Bowlen, a young lumberjack, 24 years old, lies dead at the Toll House with a bullet hole through his head. Whether he pulled the trigger or the No. 4 rifle which ended his life or whether there was a case of homicide is enshrouded in mystery. The cloud of doubt will not disappear until the inquest is held today. Coroner Benn is already on his way to the Toll House and will arrive there at noon. Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Collins is also on his way to the old stage station and will arrive there about the same time as the coroner.

The first report that was received in Fresno from the Toll House was to the effect that Bowlen had committed suicide, but later information brought out the fact that Bowlen had been in an altercation with John Medley, the son of Rancher Medley, in which he had received several knife wounds at the hands of the younger Medley, had gone to old man Medley's house to remonstrate with the father and there had met his death with a rifle bullet to the head.

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AFTER MANY YEARS VISITS OLD HOME

G. B. Sanford Back from Trip to Missouri. "Show Me" State Leads in Tobacco Production and No Night Riders.

G. B. Sanford of Bolinda has just returned from a visit to his old home in Missouri. In speaking of his trip yesterday he said:

"After a residence of thirty-five years in California, and an absence of twenty-eight years, I returned to the mother of the exiles of an childhood. At first a spirit of sadness came over me, as I saw the many changes made by these years, but this sadness was away as I became acquainted with the new conditions. I soon experienced a sense of joy mingled with sadness as I wandered along the creek and by the spring, and over the hills where my childhood days were passed. Many playmates of those days have passed away, many are gone to other climes, and those remaining are growing gray and stooped with age."

"Times are good and the people seem prosperous. When the panic came last fall, most farmers had sold their products at good prices, notwithstanding the crisis of everything had been produced. The grain in the hands of the producers was held up then until the demand forced prices up, then they sold. There is no over-production, and prices remain high."

"According to the government's last agricultural report, Missouri this year produced more tobacco than any other state, and yet the producers of this crop have never formed any organization of Night Riders. They are law-abiding."

"The year's crop was much higher than last year's, though it was better than an average for the last five years. Corn is selling for 60 cents a bushel. During the planting season, the comparatively good land here was used to grow corn, and what was then planted made a fine crop, some not being made when the frost came."

"There was little rain in the Mississippi valley, and the crops were low. I was told that the Mississippi and the Red river were in sight of it, and I never saw it so low before as it was the first of the present month. Back to the river some time before the ice began to form on the river."

"Alfalfa is grown, but not extensively. As there is no irrigation, perhaps so much damage. About three crops a year are harvested. During it is difficult on account of the summer rains."

"Farmers were gathering their corn when I was there, and in a little different manner from what I was used to when a boy when I took the 'churn' and a man on either side each hauled a wagon. Now if there are three men, as many wagons are used. Each man uses a wagon with a 'bump-board' on the opposite side from him, to prevent the corn from going beyond the wagon. Although machines can be had that cut and bind corn, and make a very little corn is 'cut up'."

"I visited a negro public school taught by two negroes. The children lined up and marched in as white children do. The pupils seemed to be proud of their uniforms. Their reasoning powers deficient. Separate schools are provided everywhere for negro children, which is not so difficult as the negroes seem to live in the city. I was told that educated negroes are spoiled for manual labor, and no other avenues are open to them."

"Home rule" promised by the new administration in Missouri, is being discussed in St. Louis, where I spent two days."

"While visiting at Canton, where is located Christian university, I heard a student school, I met Mr. Tenney, the converted saloon keeper. After his conversion he had his liquor into the street and closed his saloon. He is attending school, and preparing to be a minister. He called and introduced to me his little daughter, who had been in the church. Mr. Tenney, under a heavy burden of sin, was holding a revival in the town at the time. Under his preaching seven saloon keepers have been converted."

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Procrastination Procrastination is a long word. A short word of two syllables expresses the same thought. It is the spirit of the times to "get in it" and "get there," both in speech and action. Every individual has certain duties to perform. There is no escape from them, and sometimes delay (that other word for procrastination) is dangerous, and costly. The longer you delay attention to that ailing tooth, the more dangerous to your health, and the more costly it becomes. Dr. W. W. Craycroft Land Co. Bldg. Phone Main 1445

WOODMAN DIES SUDDENLY. COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 28.—Charles E. Essick, the aged clerk of Pike's Peak Camp No. 5, Woodmen of the World, of Colorado Springs, was found dead in his bed this morning. The tragedy at first was supposed to be the result of having brooded over the confinement of his son, Charles Essick, a boy scarcely out of his teens, who was sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary in 1905 for the murder of a fellow inmate. The estate man, whom he shot and killed in this city early in that year. Later, however, it was intimated that he might have been murdered. Essick leaves a widow.

Out of the Cold. If you want to get out of the fog and cold, go to the Yosemite Valley, where the weather is clear and pleasant. The hotel at the park line and in the valley are open, steam heated, electric lighted, a delightful place to receive your holiday. He has a complete, comfortable trip by rail and motor. The Yosemite Valley R. R. Write O. W. Latham, Merced, for particulars.

FAVORS FRESNO NORMAL SCHOOL

C. J. Walker Tells Why New School Is Desirable. Would Raise Standard of Pedagogical Excellence.

County School Superintendent C. J. Walker of Fresno county has come out as a strong advocate of the proposed normal school for Fresno. He states that he hopes the school will be founded for the two principal reasons, that such a school would tend to raise the standard of excellence in the teaching profession through increasing the numbers from which selections may be made, and as an aid to pedagogical excellence.

In speaking of the matter today Mr. Walker stated that the experience in this county is of a dearth of teachers every fall. The lack in numbers has been supplied by importations, many of them from the East. Such a condition compels the selection of teachers lacking in many essential characteristics of the successful pedagogical and who would tend to give way to a higher standard of efficiency.

The five normal schools in the state, located at Chicago, San Francisco, San Jose, Los Angeles and San Diego, turn out from 40 to 60 graduates a year, which is little more than keeps pace with the demand incident to increasing number of schools and children. Every year sees a certain number leave the profession—the men through offers of more remunerative employment in commercial lines and the women through marriages and various other causes.

Many aspirants for the profession, particularly among the young women, are deterred from attending a normal school as at present located on account of the distance that must separate the student from her home. Many parents are reluctant about permitting their children to attend a school at such a distance of either San Francisco, San Jose or Los Angeles, which in the case of Visalia is 250 miles in any case.

In case of manual training or instruction in agriculture and horticulture, a given there is the advantage of having such training in the valley where such training will be put to use.

While it would be a fine thing for Visalia to have such a school within its borders, the central location of Fresno and the size of the city must be recognized as advantages. Its closeness to Visalia would make a normal school at that point an excellent place for the students being within two hours' ride of their homes.

The matter of establishing the proposed school in Fresno will be up at the session of the legislature next month and an effort will be made to secure an appropriation for the purpose, a site having already, it is understood, been offered free.

OIL COMPANY IS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Majority Stockholders in Corporation Located in Kern County Finally Gain Control of It.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 29.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Petroleum Oil Company here today, E. M. Lovell, of Los Angeles, Lafayette E. Pike and Joseph P. Tuttle of Hartford, Conn., Edwin H. Clark of Litchfield, Conn., and John H. Osgood, Bakersfield, Cal., were elected directors.

The incident marked the initial victory of the majority stockholders over the minority in power for years and for three or four years refusing to call an annual meeting. The company is operating at Bakersfield, Cal., and declaring dividends. Though the interests represented by the new directorate believe there should be an investigation and accounting, these interests have been until now, unable to secure it. The company is organized under Arizona laws. The old directors paid no attention to an alternative writ of mandamus followed by a peremptory order writ of mandamus by the Arizona court, whereupon the matter was finally decided.

PROTEST MAY GO TO COMMISSION

Traffic Men Consider Inadvisability of Bringing Direct Legal Action on Rates.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—At a meeting held in this city late this afternoon by the California Traffic Bureau, the advisability of bringing the matter of the proposed increase in freight rates by the railroad companies before the Interstate Commerce Commission was discussed at length. A telegram was sent to all the chairmen of all rate-day meetings. It is proposed by the association of the Traffic Association, and the Traffic Association will abide by the ruling of the commission. This course is deemed best in the interests of the shippers because if an injunction against the railroad companies is sought it would be necessary for each and every shipper to ask for a restraining order.

If favorable replies are received to the traffic association's new plan, the matter will be referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission and that body will be asked to act for all the shippers.

TWAIN'S ELEPHANT PROVES TO BE FAKE

DANBURY, Conn., Dec. 29.—Reddick, Mark Twain lives in an Italian villa, is laughing over a practical joke on Mr. Clemens. Robert J. Collier, the New York publisher, wrote to Clemens' secretary a few days before Christmas, asking him to give the humorist an elephant for a Christmas present. He asked them to prepare a place for it and the family, unwilling to risk an injury to Mr. Collier's feelings, prepared to turn the garage into a stable and buy an elephant. A few days later a load of hay was received with the compliments of Mr. Collier, who sent word it was for the elephant to eat. Next came a man who introduced himself as Professor May, a professional elephant trainer, who returned the garage floor to be strengthened. The elephant arrived at night and when Mr. Clemens went to view his gift discovered in the garage a paper napkin elephant about as big as a full grown cow.

TRAIN ROBBERS ARE GIVEN LONG TERMS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Two of the three train robbers who looted the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's Chicago express train last week at Thurston night, pleaded guilty to the charge of train robbery before Judge Gantenheim this afternoon and were immediately sentenced to the penitentiary. William Burke, because he first confessed to a crime, was given a year, while Jack Hays, the leader of the gang, was given twelve years.

WAGER MADE ON FILINGS OF YEAR

Sealed Guesses in Safe of Business Recorder. Cigars and Chocolate Caramels for All Next Friday Morning.

There will be cigars and chocolate caramels for all comers and the more the merrier at the county recorder's office next Friday, and they will be there as soon as the business recorder's office is open. The business recorder's office will be open at 10 o'clock next Friday morning. The business recorder's office will be open at 10 o'clock next Friday morning.

NOTED SOCIALIST LECTURER COMING

Countess Monthowska, who spent two weeks in the Los Angeles county jail for speaking on the streets, will deliver a lecture in Fresno hall, 1021 J street tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The lecture will be given by Countess Monthowska, who spent two weeks in the Los Angeles county jail for speaking on the streets, will deliver a lecture in Fresno hall, 1021 J street tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

OHIO SENATORIAL BATTLE YET RAGES

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 29.—The arrival of United States Senator Chas. Dick in this city this afternoon in the motor car of the senatorial party, interested in the outcome of the contest as to who shall succeed Senator Foraker, insofar as it will have a bearing on his own candidacy to succeed himself in 1911.

All the surface indications seem to point to a choice of Mr. Burton or Mr. Taft. Senator Foraker, however, is active and declares that his influence will be keenly felt.

BODIES OF RAILROAD VICTIMS ALL RECOVERED

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 29.—The inquest to fix the responsibility for the wreck on the Great Northern Railway at Great Falls yesterday, which seven men were killed and four injured, was begun here at 4 o'clock this afternoon by Coroner Fairhead. A large number of witnesses will be examined and the inquest is expected to be long drawn out.

The body of the seventh victim was brought to Great Falls this morning. This and another body are buried here, all possibility of identification. The two missing bodies of the coroner's crew are John B. Pierce, a carpenter's helper, and Cliff S. Fuller.

DRUNK DIES FROM FALL ON PAVEMENT

STOCKTON, Dec. 29.—A blow-up in a car with the driver, H. H. Hout, came out of a subway in an unexpected condition this morning, slipped on the muddy pavement and crashed to the ground. The driver was killed. The man remained where he lay, and the car was pushed away. The driver was killed.

GAS KILLS TWO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Two accidental deaths due to gas asphyxiation were reported today. Otto Wilber, proprietor of the Saratoga hotel, complained of the cold last night and died after lighting a gas stove. The dead body was found in bed this morning. In some unknown manner the gas had been extinguished during the night. The other victim was Frank Carlson, who was found dead in bed, with gas escaping from a half-opened jet.

HIT BY TRAIN

OAKLAND, Dec. 29.—Andrew Clark, cook, employed at the Wright shipyard, was struck by the westbound Alameda local today and is now at the receiving hospital. He has a compound fracture of the brain and probable fracture of the skull. The surgeon says he will recover.

WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 28.—Charles E. Essick, the aged clerk of Pike's Peak Camp No. 5, Woodmen of the World, of Colorado Springs, was found dead in his bed this morning. The tragedy at first was supposed to be the result of having brooded over the confinement of his son, Charles Essick, a boy scarcely out of his teens, who was sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary in 1905 for the murder of a fellow inmate. The estate man, whom he shot and killed in this city early in that year. Later, however, it was intimated that he might have been murdered. Essick leaves a widow.